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Wilson Proposition Means That, Guthrie Tells Senate Investigators.

LAST FUEL BAN LIFTED

Coal Now Delivered to Original Consignees by Rail Administrators.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Senate coal investigating committee, resuming today its inquiry into the Administration strike settlement agreement, was told by Tracy W. Guthrie, president of the Hillman Coal and Coke Company, that one clause in the proposition advanced by President Wilson and accepted by the miners would "bring about at least a doubling of the 14 per cent, which Dr. H. A. Garfield, Regional Fuel Administrator, thought justified."

While the Senate committee was pursuing its inquiry the Railroad Administration withdrew the last semblance of the restrictions on fuel resulting from the strike and began delivering coal to original consignees instead of distributing it to points of greatest need. It rescinded the embargo on the movement of fuel out of the West, and the orders reducing the amount of coal permitted to go to coaling ovens.

WRITS AGAINST MINE CHIEFS TO GO OVER

Kansas—Unionist Only One Who Will Be Prosecuted.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 16.—Except as to Alexander Howat, president of the Kansas district of the United Mine Workers of America, charges of contempt of court against eighty-four officials of that organization today were continued by United States District Judge A. B. Anderson until such a time as the Government or attorneys of the defense again wished to bring them before the court.

The case against Howat, who with other officials was alleged to have violated the Federal court injunction against furtherance of the strike, will be called for hearing next Monday morning. He is charged by the Government with continuing in his violation of the

INCREASE IS EXPLAINED.

Secretary of Labor Wilson proposed that the miners be given an increase of 28 per cent, Mr. Norris explained.

Because he based his calculations on the pay given pick miners. In 1917, when the coal mine wages were readjusted, the pick miners were getting the greatest amount, and the scales were balanced up by giving them a lower increase than other classes of labor.

Mr. Garfield declared that if President Wilson decided to be a candidate for a third term he would withdraw his candidacy.

Asked if he considered himself a full-fledged candidate for nomination, he replied: "I consider myself a full-fledged petitioner."

The action of Mr. Garfield indicates his belief that President Wilson will not be a candidate.

Many men saw in the candidacy of Mr. Garfield a chance to escape an embarrassing situation. They are not anxious at this time to tie up with either Palmer or with William G. McAdoo. As Mr. Garfield had been the candidate for United States Senator in 1914, they can take the position that they must support him for President. At least they can go to the convention unhampered by any other pledges.

It is understood that Mr. McAdoo probably will not file a petition in South Dakota. After yesterday, a man may get on the ballot only by getting a certain number of signatures to a personal petition.

Amplifying his declaration of principles, Mr. Garfield declared he favored the original peace treaty with the League of Nations covenant, just as it had been brought back from France by the President.

It was learned yesterday that a woman probably would be one of the delegates-at-large to the Democratic National Convention from this State. Elias Smith, a play broker and promoter, who has been prominent in many public matters.

GLASS TO RESIGN JANUARY 1.

To Take Seat as Senator After the Recess.

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A candidate, Wilson has not yet selected Mr. Glass's successor as Secretary of the Treasury.

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